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VIENNA FOR WALTZ, DEA FOR EIDE & BARBAGELLATA, ROME AND PARIS FOR CUSTOMS ATTACHE

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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN DRUG SEIZURE

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1. BULGARIAN CUSTOMS NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION DIVISION CHIEF TSVETKOV ASKED THAT FOLLOWING FURTHER INFORMATION AUGUST 10 HASHISH AND OPIUM SEIZURE BE PROVIDED DEA AND CUSTOMS ATTACHES ROME AND PARIS.

QUOTE -

2. ILLEGAL TRAFFIC OF 1,500 KILOGRAMS OF HASHISH AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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7.0 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM WAS DETECTED ON AUGUST 10,

1976, AT THE CUSTOMS CONTROL POINT OF KALOTINA. THE NARCOTICS WERE HIDDEN IN HIDING PLACES IN THE FLOOR AND CHASSIS OF A TRAILER-FLATCAR, BEARING AUSTRIAN LICENSE PLATE NO. W791676, HAULED BY A TRUCK, TRACTION ENGINE "VOLVO", BEARING AUSTRIAN LICENSE PLATES NO. B 16 52. ON BOARD THE FLATCAR WAS A TRUCK-TRACTION ENGINE "SCANIA", BEARING AN AUSTRIAN LICENSE PLATE NO. W 748673.

3. THE OFFENDERS ARE THE AUSTRIAN CITIZENS: ERICH KHADERER, BORN AT MODLING, NEAR VIENNA, ON APRIL 3, 1943, RESIDING IN VIENNA, NO. 95
"NELSECHGASSE", AUSTRIA, AUSTRIAN CITIZEN, SECONDARY EDUCATION, ELECTRICIAN, HAVING A CLEAN RECORD, SINGLE, CHAUFFEUR AT "RIBERER" CO., VIENNA.

WALTER GROTZEL, BORN AT MARIAENZERSDORF, RESIDING AT THE SAME VILLAGE, AUSTRIAN CITIZEN, HAVING A CLEAN RECORD, MARRIED, ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, CHAUFFEUR - OWNER OF THE TRUCK "VOLVO" NO. B 16 52.

4. IN THE COURSE OF THE INQUEST IT WAS ESTABLISHED THAT THE ORGANIZERS OF THE TRAFFIC ARE THE FOLLOWING AUSTRIAN CITIZENS, OWNERS OF BUSINESS COMPANIES:

FRIEDERICH RIEBERER, BORN IN AUSTRIA ON MAY 6, 1935, RESIDING AT NO. 50 "HAZENGASSE" - VIENNA, TEL. 69 45 85, OWNER OF THE TWO TRUCKS, ONE OF WHICH IS THE SEIZED "SKANIA", AS WELL AS OF THE SEIZED FLATCAR-TRAILER;

HANS (JOHAN) SCHTIPKOVITCH, BORN ON JANUARY 16, 1935, IN AUSTRIA, RESIDING IN VIENNA X, PROBABLE ADDRESS 1100 VIENNA, NO. 11 "GELERETGASSE", OWNER OF TRUCKS.

5. THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HIDING-PLACES AND THE LOADING OF THE NARCOTICS WAS ARRANGED PERSONALLY BY RIEBERER IN TEHRAN, AT THE SERVICE STATION OF THE MERCEDES CO., NOT FAR FROM THE CENTER OF THE CITY. SCHTIPKOVITCH HAS WITNESSED THE DISPATCHING OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HASHISH.

6. WALTER GROTZEL HAS CONFESSED THAT ON JULY 14 OF THIS YEAR, HE SMUGGLED THROUGH BULGARIA 300 KILOGRAMS OF HASHISH, HIDDEN IN A SPECIAL CONTAINER IN THE FUEL TANK OF HIS OWN CAR "VOLVO", BEARING LICENSE PLATES B 16 52, WHICH WAS TAKEN FROM AUSTRIA TO THE NETHERLANDS BY SCHTIPKOVITCH.

7. THE PURCHASE AND LOADING OF THE HASHISH ALSO WAS ARRANGED BY SCHTIPKOVITCH IN TURKEY, AT THE CITY OF GAZIANTEP, LOCATED 59 KILOMETERS OFF THE SYRIAN-TURKISH BORDER - CENTRAL POINT SILVEKUTSYO.

8. THE DETECTED HASHISH ORIGINATES FROM NEPAL, AND WAS EARMARKED FOR THE NETHERLANDS, TO HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED VIA AUSTRIA AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

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